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Please find enclosed herewith (1) Applicants' Petition to Make Special; (2) a check for the \$130.00 petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); (3) a statement explaining how the present invention contributes to countering terrorism; and (4) a Post Card Acknowledgment. Please charge any additional fees.due or credit any overage to Deposit Account No. 25-0050.

Respectfully submitted,

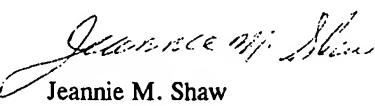
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER MPEP § 708.02(XI)

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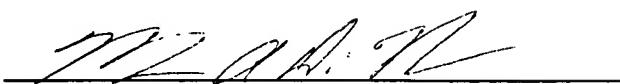
Under § 708.02 of the MPEP, Applicants respectfully petition to make special the above identified application. More specifically, Applicants believe that special status should be given to the above identified application because the invention contained therein provides for the countering of terrorism. Section 708.02(XI) sets forth that the Patent and Trademark Office will accord special status to patent applications relating to patent applications relating to counter-terrorism inventions.

Enclosed with this Petition is a check for \$130.00, and a statement explaining how the
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the above mentioned application be made special. Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Attorneys with any questions.

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**STATEMENT EXPLAINING HOW THE PRESENT INVENTION CONTRIBUTES TO
COUNTERING TERRORISM.**

Dear Sir or Madam:

I Michael A. DiNardo, am attorney of record for Applicants. In addition, I prepared the originally filed application for, and am familiar with the present invention. Pursuant to § 708.02(XI) of the MPEP, I herein provide a statement explaining how the present invention contributes to countering terrorism.

Recently, dangerous powdery agents have been sent through the mails for the purposes of terrorizing Americans. *See* Press Release Comments by FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III on October 16, 2001 (<http://www.fbi.gov/pressrel/pressrel01/mueller101601.htm>). Such powdery agents have included, for example, substances that contain anthrax spores. *Id.* The invention of the above identified application relates to the countering terrorism by providing a mailing envelope

that makes the sending of a foreign powdery substance in an envelope more difficult. In other words, the present invention makes the receipt of mailing envelopes that are free from dangerous powdery agents more reliable.

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